センコク男子
花の乱
Chapter 18

MOMO-DONO!?
NO.. IT CAN'T BE..
Mo. Mo...?

OH?
NOBUNAGA-SA.
SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE...
I WAS SO OVERCOME WITH JOY FROM SEEING YOU AGAIN.
M-MY APOLOGIES!
hug
GASP
YOUR GRACE!
I AM SO GLAD YOU'RE ALRIGHT!
This girl is

EH?
R-RAN-KUN'S FIANCE?
SIP
MOMO-CHAN... WHEN SHE SAW RAN-KUN ON TV, SHE SAID "HE'S MY FIANCE, I HAVE TO MEET HIM NO MATTER WHAT"!
We're terribly sorry for the unannounced visit.
SORRY, IT SLIPPED THROUGH MY HANDS
HANA? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
roll
roll
WHOOPS
THUMP

Ran's betrothed...
Momo-dono is Ran-ame's fiance.
AH...
BOU DID SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
SO, IT'S TRUE THEN?
I'VE BROUGHT HER ALL THE WAY HERE, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ANYTHING SHE SAID.
THAT GIRL YOU SEE, WAS FOUND BY OUR EMPLOYEE COLLAPSED BY THE EXIT OF OUR INN
THAT DAY, WE HAD A LITTLE ACCIDENT WITH FIRE
She was asleep for a while
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE UNDERSTANDS MUCH OF WHAT I SAY EITHER
AND THEN WHEN SHE WOKE UP, ALL SHE WOULD TALK ABOUT WERE THESE STRANGE THINGS SO I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
I completely forgot about that.
I mean, I never would've imagined she'd end up here as w...

YES.
I WAS ASKED TO TAKE CARE OF A FEW THINGS.
HMM.
SO YOU WERE THERE AS WELL? WHEN HONNOUJI WAS ON FIRE?
WHEN AKECHI'S MEN HAD COME,
I INTENDED TO ESCAPE AS PER MY LORD'S WISHES, BUT...
THE FIRE GOT TO ME AND THAT WAS ALL I CAN REMEMBER.
...HM.
LOOKS LIKE THERE IS SOMEONE OTHER THAN US WHO GET SENT HERE.

I'M SO GLAD I FOUND RAN-SAMA..
MOMO——
I'M SO GLAD ALL OF YOU ARE ALRIGHT...
I THOUGHT I WAS IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD, OR THAT THIS WAS A DREAM...
I THOUGHT I'D BE ALONE FOREVER——
OUR CONFUSION WHEN WE ENDED UP IN THIS ERA WAS IMMEASURABLE AS WELL.
IT WAS LIKE WE COULDN'T TELL WHAT WAS LEFT FROM WHAT WAS RIGHT.
WE UNDERSTAND HOW HELPLESS YOU MUST HAVE FELT

TAKEZOU-DONO.
I KNOW WE'VE BEEN A TERRIBLE INCONVENIENCE, AND THIS MIGHT BE OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT...
WOULD YOU LET MOMO STAY HERE AS WELL?
Huh...?
I THOUGHT SHE'D FEEL MORE AT EASE IF SHE STAYED WITH US...
It's alright isn't it?
Yes
WELL, IT WAS MY FAULT SHE ENDED UP HERE TO BEGIN WITH.
IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF COURSE THAT SHE STAY HERE AS WELL.

And so Momo started living in our house.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
She will live...
Here...?
noise
noise
I'LL EXPLAIN IN DETAIL ANOTHER TIME
ISN'T THAT GREAT?
I'LL HAVE SOMEONE CONTACT YOU
YES.

HANA-DONO,
PLEASE LEAVE EVERY-THING REGA-RDING MY LORD AND RAN-SAMA AND THE OTHERS
TO ME.
HUH?
SNATCH!
THEN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF FOOD ..
HANA-DONO!
TAP
TAP
TAP
FWOOSH
TAP
TAP
Oh
Huh?

Uhhh
Since she says it like that, how do you refuse!?
PLEASE LEAVE THE ODD JOBS TO ME AND BE AT EASE
YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO LET ME STAY HERE,
AH, IT'S OKAY, UP UNTIL NOW I'VE ALWAYS MADE BREAKFAST
I'LL TAKE CARE OF BREAKFAST FOR YOU
I CAN'T POSSIBLE LEAVE SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF MY OWN FIANCE
CLINK
CLINK
AND ALSO, I KNOW MY LORD'S AND RANMARU-SAMA'S FAVOU-RITE FOODS
Fiance...

DO YOU NOT LIKE HIM, HANA-DONO?
YES, I'M HIS FIANCE AFTER ALL
MOMO... YOU REALLY LIKE RAN DON'T YOU?
NO, I DO.
Very much so.
I like him
I SEE.
HE'S AN AMAZING PERSON, ISN'T HE?

OOOH! IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE TASTED THIS NOSTALGIC FLAVOUR!
Smile
Smile
IT'S DELI-CIOUS!
Ah!
Oooh!~
glance
YAKI-MISO
This is compli-cated...

Ran's fiance...
It's my own house, but somehow I can't relax.
Would you like seconds?
But, doesn't Ran like me...?
chomp
It's not like he promised me anything either.
swallow
No...
It's not like he's straight up said that he likes me.

WELL, OF COURSE! YOU ATE SO MANY AT ONCE!
Doesn't it go great with anything?
H-HANA-DONO, ARE YOU OKAY .?
It-
It's a bit salty ..
THIS NOSTALGIC TASTE INDEED CALLS UPON A LOT OF MEMORIES
I want to speak with Ran...

And then,
I'll tell him how I feel...
IS THERE A BOOK HERE CONCERNING THE MORI HOUSE?
RA...
AH!
YES. THIS ONE HERE. .
Bosp

HANA?
STARE
snatch
MOMO-DONO! THERE ARE A BUNCH OF BOOKS HERE RELATED TO MY LORD!
ANIUE! I'LL READ THAT BOOK FOR YOU!
FWOOSH
...WHAT A NOISY PAIR
IT FEELS LIKE WE HAVEN'T TALKED IN SO LONG.
Th-
THANKS?
OH?

catch
THAT'S STILL QUITE A LOT...
NO, JUST THE ONES IN THIS SHELF
HAVE YOU ALREADY READ EVERYTHING HERE?
I HAVEN'T TRIED MY HAND AT THE TECHNICAL ONES YET.

YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, DID YOU?

BA THUMP
AH...
TO LET ME HEAR THE REST OF WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY THE OTHER DAY?
DID YOU COME HERE
YOU KNOW, I...
VRRRRR
VRRR!!

YES?
IS THIS AMAMI HANA-SAN?
UNKNOWN NUMBER?
I'M SORRY, EXCUSE ME
Geez-not again
I'M SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN CALL
Oh...
THIS IS S PRODUCTION'S SHIMANAKA
I'LL COME OVER AT ONCE!
WHAT!?
ACTUALLY

S Production
EXCUSE ME, I'M AMAMI...
DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINT-MENT?
Yes.
Yes.
HANA? WHY ARE YOU IN S PRODUC-TION?
EH? RYOU...
AH, SORRY. RIGHT NOW I'M IN A BIT OF A HURRY...
.....

A REPORTER WHO'S CLOSE WITH THE COMPANY WAS ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF IT.
IS IT TRUE?
clatter
UMM, ABOUT THAT PICTURE THAT COULD CAUSE A SCANDAL FOR RAN...
社長室
Slide
IT'S THIS ONE

Why...
When did they...?
T-this is... That time at the location shoot!?
IF THIS GETS OUT, IT'LL BE BAD FOR THE COMPANY HE'S IN AS WELL. AMAMI ENTERTAIN-MENT WILL
RIGHT NOW RAN-KUN IS BEING OBSERVED QUITE CLOSELY
NO DOUBT THE MEDIA WILL JUMP AT ANY OPPORTUNITY THEY GET
tremble
I should've been more careful...
What should I do?
tremble

HANA-SAN,
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OVER TO S PRO-DUCTION?
...HUH?
I'VE BEEN THINKING...
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE GREAT, JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER.
IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU SHINE, I WANT TO SUPPORT YOU.

IF YOU COME TO S PRODUC-TION,
I WILL PUT A LID ON THIS SCANDAL.
WE PROTECT OUR TALENTS
I WANT TO HELP YOU.
YOU WANT TO PROTECT AMAMI ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL, DON'T YOU?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD DEAL FOR BOTH OF US?
But...
Help me?
But...

AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO STAY NEAR HIM,
SOMETHING WORSE MIGHT HAPPEN.
EVEN IF WE DO SOME-THING ABOUT THIS NOW,
Ah..
IT IS A GROUNDS FOR CONCERN..

IF YOU COME TO US, AND WITH RYOU PRESENT AS WELL,
I THINK IT'LL BE A GOOD MOVE.
FORTUNATELY, OUR COMPANY HAS TALENTS LIKE RYOU
I'll get separated from everyone...
but then...

I'm going to be separated from them at a time like this.
Just me...
PLEASE... GIVE ME SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT.
OF COURSE.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME
THERE IS ALSO A LIMIT TO BEING ABLE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF INFORMATION.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVES-DROP, BUT
WHY ARE YOU DOING THINGS IN SUCH A ROUNDABOUT WAY?
SLAM
IF THE SCANDAL GETS OUT,
WON'T WE BE ABLE TO FINALLY DESTROY AMAMI ENTERTAINMENT?
...DESTROY?

I SAID I WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM A HARD TIME UNTIL THEY'RE JUST BARELY BREATHING.
I NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT DESTROYING THEM.
HUH...?
chuckk
chuckk
chuckk
EVERY-THING IS GOING AS PLANNED
AND PERHAPS... IT MAY LEAD TO A MORE... PLEASING DEVELOPMENT.

HEY, SHIBATA-SAN..
IF YOU WANT TO BE REWARDED FOR YOUR WORK
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ASKING UNNECESSARY THINGS
YES, SIR.
SLAM
JUST WHAT IS HE THINKING!?

HANA.
RYOU...
YOU WERE ACTING KIND OF OFF A WHILE AGO, TOO...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
wobble
wobble

I... I CHOSE WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE BEST IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MY DREAM
WHEN S PRODUCTIONS WANTED TO GET YOU WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD?
The best choice...
HUH!?
I THINK... I MIGHT QUIT AMAMI ENTERTAIN-MENT

HANA... SO YOU DO FEEL TOWARDS THAT GUY.
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE PEOPLE I LOVE!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO!

CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.
What should I do...
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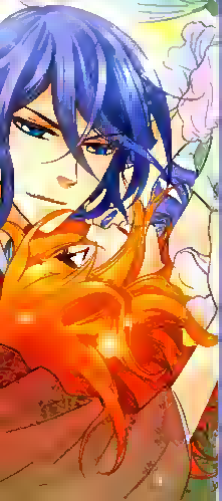

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HEY YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT A BIG GROUP SO WHY DON'T YOU STOP BEING SICK AND WORK ALREADY?
I know you have school and work but you need to work on this too!
.....
.....
CAN YOU GO AND WORK ON THAT CHAPTER ALREADY?
SO? FEELING BETTER NOW?
UH...?
KYAAA AAAA!
URGH...
Stop being such a sissy!
HEY SAY SOMETHI-
THUD
GYAAAAAAA!
OH GOD DON'T DIE ON ME! WE HAVE A BUNCH OF CHAPTERS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED ON!!
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!!
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